

**Senate Commerce, Labor & Agriculture Committee Amendment No. 1**

**Amendment No. 1 to SB0173**

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By deleting all of the language after the caption and by substituting instead the following:

WHEREAS, the types of plumbing systems used in society and the manner in which they are constructed, installed and maintained have a direct and substantial impact on public health, safety and the environment; and

WHEREAS, improper construction or maintenance of plumbing systems can be potentially lethal, can cause widespread disease and epidemics of disastrous consequences, damage property and cause other adverse effects on public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, plumbing, including back-flow prevention, is a highly skilled trade, thus making the establishment of minimum plumbing standards an essential component to protecting public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, it is likewise critical to ensure that uniform, modern construction standards and regulations are used and enforced throughout the state for all plumbing work; now, therefore,

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:**

**SECTION 1.** There is hereby created a special joint committee to study issues relative to:

(1) The creation of minimum standards for the protection of life, health, property and the environment and the safety and welfare of the consumer, general public and owners and occupants of buildings and structures;

(2) The encouragement of uniformity and economy in construction and construction materials consistent with nationally recognized standards;

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(3) The use of modern technical methods, devices and improvements consistent with reasonable requirement for the health, safety, and welfare of occupants or users of buildings and structures;

(4) Ensuring that plumbing work is performed by persons who have proven their knowledge of, and skill in, the plumbing trades;

(5) Ensuring that officials charged with the administration and enforcement of the technical provisions of this act are adequately trained and supervised; and

(6) Ensuring that adequate standards of skill are maintained through testing and certification for those engaged in the plumbing trades.

SECTION 2. The committee shall consist of three (3) members of the House of Representatives and three (3) members of the Senate, to be appointed by the respective speakers.

SECTION 3. That all appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special joint committee upon request of the chair.

SECTION 4. That all legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the General Assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

SECTION 5. The special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly; and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers the committee deems necessary.

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SECTION 6. That the special joint committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation or interim reports, to the One Hundred Third General Assembly by February 1, 2004, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.